

VOTE TUESDAY FOR QUINN!

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Volunteers Called For Last Days Of Quinn Campaign

REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

TWO BIG EVENTS
This edition of East Bay Labor Journal is an important one in the minds of those who produce it for two reasons:
1-It is the last issue before the election next Tuesday in which it is our hope that John F. Quinn will be elected to the Oakland City Council.
2-It is our 29th Anniversary Edition.

There's nothing unusual about these two things being mentioned together, because there surely have been very few years in the 29 of this paper's existence that local labor wasn't interested in some election.

AN EARNEST APPEAL

Here is an appeal to all unionists not only to vote for John Quinn, but help his campaign in other ways, an appeal written down word for word as one good union man gave it to us:
"A donation to Quinn's campaign is an investment in your union's future. John F. Quinn is labor's candidate. As president of the Central Labor Council he has worked closely with all officials of organized labor, and was always at liberty to help at the call of any union official when it meant the benefit of a union local.

"Quinn is YOUR candidate; to have him on the Oakland City Council means that organized labor has a voice in the City Hall, and after all, it will be YOUR voice.

"Officers of unions: Send a personal card signed by the officers to every member of your union! Quinn can win, but he needs your help, so that he can go over with a bang.

"Many officers of various unions sent out personal postcards to their members urging them to vote for Jeff Cochran as City Councilman of Berkeley, and Jeff got elected. Do the same for Johnny Quinn and we'll have the same result in Oakland!"

HERE'S HOPING!

The good union man who gave us that message to convey to our readers said it was best to leave his name out, because this was something deeper and more important than any one personality. And as he gave that message to this paper we felt that his words expressed perfectly, and in good trade union language, the sentiments of all who have waked up to the significance of the campaign to elect Quinn to the Oakland City Council.

So here's hoping there will be a big and a winning vote for John F. Quinn cast next Tuesday, and that by the time our next anniversary comes around John F. Quinn will have been sitting as a member of the Oakland City Council for many months.

Postal Pay Poised For Veto by Ike?

The House this week passed the conference version of the postal pay increase bill, and the Senate was expected to pass it later this week.

The bill would increase by an average of 8.8% the pay of 500,000 postal workers. Originally the House had voted for 8.2% and the Senate for 10%.

President Eisenhower has wanted the figure at about 7%, and Postmaster General Summerfield has said he believed the President would veto anything above that, but the President told his news conference last week that he had never made any veto threat personally.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 4 of this issue of the Journal.

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& BARTENDERS 823
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29th Anniversary Edition Of East Bay Labor Journal

This is the 29th Anniversary Edition of East Bay Labor Journal.

On this page, below, will be found a sketch of the local labor situation at five-year intervals throughout the history of the paper.

Another page, inside, tells the great national events occurring during our history.

Throughout the issue will be found other stories culled from the stirring national events occurring during those years.

The AFL in Alameda County through East Bay Labor Journal extends cordial greetings to all who have made this Anniversary Edition possible.

East Bay Labor Journal Looks Back on 3 Decades, Forward To Power of United Labor!

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR HAD ALREADY FLOURISHED FOUR DECADES WHEN THIS PAPER WAS LAUNCHED, BUT WE GOT INTO THE STORY AT AN INTERESTING POINT, AND EXCITEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN LACKING SINCE!

East Bay Labor Journal with this issue celebrates the fact that it has been publishing continuously now for 29 years.

The official newspaper of the American Federation of Labor in Alameda County can't claim to be as old as some institutions. But it has lived through some exciting decades.

As for our relative youth, the American Federation of Labor itself, founded in 1886, had already been in existence for four decades when this paper began its three-decade growth. Samuel Gompers, the first head of the AFL, had passed away just two years before East Bay Labor Journal commenced its career.

So we're dated After Gompers. But many of us active in the labor movement here remember Sam Gompers very well, from personal contact with him in years before this paper was founded.

The influence of Samuel Gompers on the labor movement which he had done so much to found and mold was still, of course, extremely strong in Alameda County when this paper was founded. After all, he had headed the AFL every year except one, 1895, since the founding of the federation in 1886. The Columbia Encyclopedia, which goes in for concise statements on big subjects, lives up to its standards in saying of Gompers:

"He directed the successful battle with the Knights of Labor for supremacy, kept free from political entanglements in the early days, and refused to entertain various cooperative business plans, socialistic ideas, and radical programs, maintaining that more wages, shorter hours, and greater freedom were the just aims of labor. . . . A man of great personal integrity, he did much to make organized labor respectable."

Slowly during the years since Gompers passed away, and during the decades of the existence of East Bay Labor Journal, organized labor has moved into new postures to meet new problems.

But neither the AFL in general nor East Bay Labor Journal in particular has moved away from Samuel Gompers' tradition with any great speed. For there was a hard practical common-sense at the bottom of Gompers' seeming conservatism in many things. He had seen the Knights of Labor and other early organizations waste themselves by spreading out too rapidly into many activities, and he thought that the thing to do was get down to bedrock and start all over again, building slowly but surely.

That's what organized labor in this country is still doing, and East Bay Labor Journal as part of organized labor. We feel that we're moving slowly but surely into a new position of socially useful power that will be not only good for us in labor but good for our country.

When Arthur Deakin, the great English labor leader, died recently, Sir Winston Churchill, whose grand rhetoric rises from his profound feeling for the history of his people rather than from that excellent brandy he drinks, said that Arthur Deakin was one of the great leaders who had made "labor an estate of the realm."

That, if our readers won't mind the Anglicism of the phrase, is what East Bay Labor (Continued on Page 7)

10 Carpenters Now in BTC, More in Soon

A formal request by Oakland Carpenters 36 for reaffiliation with the Building Trades Council was approved this week by the council delegates. Local 36, the largest carpenter union in the Eastbay, thus becomes the third carpenter local to be accepted for reaffiliation in the past 2 weeks.

Last week the council approved similar requests for reaffiliation by Hayward Carpenters 1622 and Fruitvale Local 1473.

Ten carpenters, representing the Hayward and Fruitvale locals, were officially seated as council delegates Tuesday evening. It was the first time in 10 years that carpenters had sat in the BTC as official delegates.

Those seated at the Tuesday session included Hayward Local members L. A. Fuller, Dan R. Guzzi, Hans Jensen, E. C. Kelso, Charles Roe and L. D. Twist, and Fruitvale Local members U. S. Grant, Jack W. Kirkman, George R. Price and William F. Marshall.

BTC WAGE SCHEDULE

The council voted to hold off until the next meeting on May 17 further consideration of a proposal for increasing the wage schedule for BTC employees.

DO-IT-YOURSELF?

Ed Parriott, Glaziers 169, rang a bell with the delegates when he complained that the Chevrolet Motor Car Corporation was sending out "do-it-yourself" literature advising its customers how to perform various building trades tasks.

"If they're so considerate of their customers' financial welfare," he asked, "why don't they tell us how to fix their cars?"

The delegates, with Parriott to a man, authorized Business Representative J. L. Childers to investigate the matter further.

CEMENT MASON RATES

Bruce Dillshaw, Cement Masons 594, advised the council of the following new wage rates for the cement masons' trade in Northern California effective as of May 1, 1955: journeymen, \$2.845; workers on swinging scaffolds, \$2.906; mastic magnesite, composition masons and power machine operators, \$2.985; cement mason foremen, \$3.045; and mastic magnesite and all composition foremen, \$3.18.

HANNA SENDS THANKS

Charles "Chuck" Hanna, the new Chief of Division of Apprenticeship Standards, thanked the council delegates by letter this week for their support of his appointment.

SOCIAL SECURITY TALK

Rich R. Rimbach, a life insurance company representative, accepted a council invitation and gave a short talk on social security benefits.

The substance of his talk was that workingmen should not bank on retiring at 65 on social security pensions alone. He suggested that it would be wiser for younger workers to invest the money they now earn in insurance, bonds or savings accounts so that they'll have enough cash to augment the relatively small social security pensions they'll get when they finally retire.

Assembly Passes Bill Increasing to \$12,500 Accident Death Benefit

The State Federation of Labor notes that "California's AFL scored a break-through on another legislative front this week when the Assembly passed the Assembly Finance & Insurance Committee approved a measure boosting maximum accident death benefits from \$8,750 to \$12,500."

The measure was opposed by the State Chamber of Commerce. The bill, AB-509, is now headed for the Assembly floor. The Assembly voted last Friday 65-0 to increase maximum weekly disability insurance benefits from \$35 to \$40; the bill, AB-602, will be heard this coming Monday, May 16, by the Senate Social Welfare Committee.

The State Federation newsletter for May 13 gives a complete list of the hearings to be held on 26 bills affecting labor.

AFL Voters League Suggests: Vote NO On Parking Bonds!

STATEMENT ON PROPOSITION 7 BY ALAMEDA COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE, A. F. L.:

The Alameda County Voters League, AFL, recommends a "NO" vote on the Parking Lot Amendment, Proposition 7, on the May 17 ballot.

The League is opposed:
1. to the proposed method of financing these public parking facilities,

2. to the fact that the location, size and operations of the proposed parking facilities could too easily result in favoritism of particular districts and businesses, and

3. more pressing needs such as schools, are facing the citizens and should be met before tax money is spent for parking facilities.

Proposition 7 provides that parking meter revenue can be placed in a trust fund to guarantee the repayment of the bonds. No bonds could be sold at any reasonable rate of interest without the benefit of a trust fund made up of parking meter funds. This means that any parking meter funds placed in a trust fund could not be used by the City for current operations. This amount must then be made up by other tax revenues immediately.

We believe that parking facilities in the business districts of the City are a responsibility primarily of the merchants and should not be a burden on the citizens of the city. We believe that the provision of adequate parking facilities is a real problem for private industry alone.

However, we believe that government can lend assistance to the merchants in solving this problem in a manner that will not obligate the entire city and at the same time will safeguard these same merchants from favoritism in the location, size and operation of these facilities.

The school classroom shortage is upon us and must soon be resolved. Other governmental building needs are also serious and must be met. These are inevitably going to result in increased taxes whether for bonds or pay-as-you-go. We believe these things are of more immediate concern to the majority of our citizens and tax payers than using tax money to provide parking for the business and shopping districts.

We urge a "NO" vote on Proposition 7 since we believe that Proposition 7 is not the right answer to the parking problem for the reasons set forth above.

**Labor and Industry
United vs. No. 7**

Pointing out that labor and industry have united in vigorous opposition to Proposition 7, the downtown parking bond scheme on the May 17 Oakland election ballot, and have been joined by a majority of leading merchant, improvement and taxpayer groups on the basis that the proposal "would benefit only a few downtown interests, at great cost to all taxpayers," Dan O. Druge, chairman of the Oakland Citizens Committee Against Tax Waste today predicted the defeat of Proposition 7.

Druge announced that the AFL Voters League of Alameda County, Alameda County Industries, Inc., Motel Association of Alameda County, Apartment House Association of Alameda County, the Greater Oakland Communities Council comprising 15 merchant and improvement groups, and the majority of district business and improvement associations have recommended a "No" vote.

"These groups represent a true cross-section of the community. Their views often vary on other subjects—but on this issue they stand united. All of us drive cars, and are well aware of parking problems. We are truly interested in the over-all progress and economy of our city and all its citizens and taxpayers. We object to a virtual 'blank check' for the City Council, giving them a free hand without further referral to voters," Druge said.

Oakland Voters! Take This To the Polls on Tuesday!

AFL RECOMMENDATIONS

Following are the recommendations on candidate and propositions in the Oakland general runoff election Tuesday, May 17, by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL:

Oakland Runoff Election May 17

CITY COUNCIL
JOHN F. QUINN

PROPOSITIONS

No. 1—Changes qualifications for becoming member of Police Department.....NO

No. 2—Continues two-thirds of pension to dependents after death of firemen and policemen who retired prior to July 1, 1951.....YES

No. 3—Exempts some Port of Oakland personnel from Civil Service.....YES

No. 4—Permits Port of Oakland to operate indirectly certain facilities.....No Recommendation

No. 5—Authorizes Port of Oakland to acquire, operate, or lease certain facilities.....YES

No. 6—Changes name of Board of Park Directors to Park Commission.....No Recommendation

No. 7—Downtown Parking Bonds.....NO
(Note: Reasons for recommending NO vote on No. 7 are given in an adjoining column on this page.)

No. 8—Authorizes City Council to fix salary of Mayor.....YES

Hayward School Election May 20

DIRECTOR, HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROBERT J. TAYLOR

Labor Urges Vote for Alameda Project in Election May 24th

Labor unions are aggressively supporting efforts leading to development of the South Shore model residential community by urging a "Yes" vote at the May 24 special election which will be held in Alameda.

Chester R. Bartolini, secretary of the Bay District Council of Carpenters, declared this week.

Bartolini has accepted the position of chairman of the labor sub-committee of the Alameda Citizens Progress Committee, a group of citizens throughout the city of Alameda organized to support the undertaking to provide new homes, beaches, new business opportunities, additional church and park sites, and vast areas for parks and playgrounds.

BARTOLINI'S POINT

In taking over an active role, Bartolini declared:

"I consider it my civic duty to work actively for a 'Yes' vote at the May 24 special election in Alameda. I believe that all segments of the city, housewives, home owners and businessmen as well as labor, have a tremendous stake in the outcome."

"It is obvious that Alameda's good fortune for a great future is in the community progress project. For one thing, there will be thousands of new jobs and millions in payrolls. These will provide a vast increase in local purchasing power which will benefit our business community."

"I am therefore urging all members of labor unions to join with other citizens in Alameda in voting 'Yes.'"

Labor unions and their members have received the recommendation of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County of the American Federation of Labor, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 36, after studying statements of representatives of both sides, to vote "Yes" on May 24.

ASH FOR PROJECT

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, announced that the organization planned to support efforts of the Alameda Citizens Progress Committee after his group reviewed arguments regarding the merits of the South Shore development.

"The Central Labor Council feels that the broad interests of Alameda will best be served by voting 'Yes' on the referendum on May 24," Ash declared.

"The Council carefully considered the many aspects of the argument which were brought to its attention and concluded that there was no merit in the opinion of the group which is opposed to the project."

"While we are making this decision known primarily for the information of members of the Council, we believe that all segments of the Alameda community have a vital interest in working for a 'Yes' vote."

John R. Wendt, chairman of the Alameda Citizens Progress Committee, acknowledged labor's unqualified support of the South Shore development as being "a ringing demonstration of the continuing program of labor to work for progress and for a better life for people."

Weekend and Election Day Drive Needed

AFL and CIO workers and other citizens met this week at the headquarters of John F. Quinn for Oakland City Council, 372 - 12th street, and made plans for an all-out drive to ring doorbells, distribute literature, and talk for the election of Quinn over the weekend.

The runoff election is this coming Tuesday, May 17. Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council and secretary also of the Voters League of Alameda County-AFL, told



JOHN F. QUINN

the CLC delegates Monday that the CIO United Auto Workers are planning to have 200 workers in the field over the weekend. Ash said that the AFL should turn out that number and possibly more to meet all

HELP QUINN TO WIN! HERE ARE THE PHONES

Anyone wishing to volunteer for work this weekend or on Election Day to help elect John F. Quinn to the Oakland City Council should get in touch with any of the following:

Quinn Headquarters, 372 12th Street; GL 2-1524
Building Trades Council, 2315 Valdez St.; TW 3-3113
Central Labor Council, 2315 Valdez St.; HI 4-6510

the requirements of the closing days of the great campaign to elect the president of the Central Labor Council to the Oakland City Council.

Ash said that on Election Day also "we need precinct workers, we need people who will see to it that voters get to the polls."

Ash also reminded unions which intend to contribute to the Quinn campaign but haven't done so yet to send in their money promptly, either to the AFL Voters League or the Quinn Campaign Committee.

Western AFL Director Daniel Flanagan, who was present at the CLC meeting to outline the merger plans of AFL and CIO, as reported elsewhere on this page, made a stirring talk when the Quinn campaign was being discussed by the delegates.

Drawing on his experience as an AFL official traveling over several Western States in his work, Flanagan said:

"I have observed in my travels for the AFL that once our movement is aroused, we always win. The \$64 question is always this: Is labor really interested in getting one of its people elected? Once that question is answered in the affirmative, we're sure to win, and we always do. We have the votes."

"The fact that the Oakland Tribune is opposed to John F. Quinn and pulls all this poppycock against him should make every labor man in the city of Oakland all the more determined to elect the president of the Central Labor Council here to the Oakland City Council."

Flanagan reminded his hearers that he was speaking as a labor man, and not as a citizen of Oakland, since he is a native of San Francisco and has been a citizen of that municipality all his life.

James Murphy, campaign manager for Quinn, stressed the need for redoubled effort in the closing days of the drive.

Women in This World

By EDITH MCCONN

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH it won't be long now before our menfolk have their male counterparts of Dior and Schiaparelli!

A preview of what the well-dressed man will wear this summer will open the eyes of a lot of men as well as their wives.

Color has come to the human male, long the drabdest of all male bipeds. Not merely the shocking-pink shirt to which we have become somewhat accustomed, but pink, yellow, pale blue evening jackets, and gaudy cummerbunds to wear with them.

Shirts for business wear come in all colors, all bright; socks and ties are more eye-catching than ever, and even the straw hats sport bands of gay design.

The new textiles are much featured. In climates where it gets hot, these newer and thinner suits will naturally find great favor.

Many of them, however, will appeal to westerners who have to travel.

Since many men travel by air, light weight is a great talking point. Jackets that weigh slightly more than a shirt, and fold to almost pocket-handkerchief size will appeal to any wife who has to pack for one of these air commuters.

Best of all, of course, are the "wash, hang, dry and wear" suits which solve the problem of clean clothes for the man who is making one-night stops. The makers swear you can wash them out in the wash basin like a pair of nylons, hang them up over the tub to drip-dry, and wear a fresh suit and shirt the next day.

As for hats, they are of every shape, size and color. The Tyrolean type with feathers in it, Mexican shapes, Texas styles, Panamas, big brims, little brims, but all with bright bands.

Will the men really go for all this? Some of them will, for some of it, at least.

It looks like a giddy summer, girls, and if we don't watch out papa's clothes will cost more than mama's!

If You Go to Capwell's Ask for a Union Clerk!

Russ Mathiesen, secretary-treasurer, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265, reminds all union people that they are requested to avoid trading at Capwell's, and that if they do go to that store they are to be served by a union clerk.

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Some Good Food

New Milk Drinks

Two new milk drinks, called the "Prune Pick-up" and the "Commuter Special," have been developed by the East Bay Producers' Milk Council and will soon be introduced to consumers through newspaper advertising in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

According to Joe Costa, chairman of the Council's advertising committee, the new drinks were developed under the direction of a home economist and are delicious, nourishing mixtures of fresh milk and fruit juices.

"Both new drinks are easy-to-prepare and provide a wonderfully different flavor that we are sure both grown-ups and youngsters will like," said Costa. The "Prune Pick-up" is made with a ratio of 1/4 cup of prune juice and 3/4 cup of fresh milk with 1 egg mixed in if desired. The "Commuter Special" is prepared with 1/2 cup orange juice, 1 cup of fresh milk, and 1 egg, then, sweeten to taste. The latter is reported to give nutrients equal to a full-sized breakfast.

The East Bay Producers' Milk Council is an organization of Grade A dairy men who ship into the Alameda-Contra Costa marketing area and have grouped together in a program to promote sales for fresh milk in the two counties. Some 700 milk producers are members of the group. Besides Costa, other members of the Council's advertising committee are: Ralph Emerson, Oakley; Ed Orloff, Pleasanton; Al Pollard, Turlock; and Maurice Reschini, Petaluma.

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H. H. Sack, Chairman, Citywide Parking Committee

Labor Temple Women's Anniversary May 14

By EMMA VICE
Press Correspondent

We had a nice turnout at our May meeting, missed some of the smiling faces of those absent.

Rose Rodgers has moved to the Long Sanitarium, Hayward, Calif. Let's all send her a card. Hi Rosie!

Vacation time is here and our girls are wandering. The 16th of May will find Dora French and Pearl Scott sailing for a three week trip to Hawaii. Bring back a grass skirt girls.

Evelyn Richardson and hubby are taking a trip. Fort Bragg and Las Vegas and others.

Tillie Bartness has been visiting her daughter and family in Orinda.

Opal Lawrence's family has been increasing. Her daughter, Sylvia, and Robert Rafford were married February 19 and her son, Ronnie, and Norma Jean Paine, Easter Sunday, April 10. Best wishes to the young folks. Pauline Tomsic's son, Ron, will graduate from Stanford College June 18 and leaves on a basketball tournament the 19th for Italy. Paris and other places, including Russia. Good luck, boys.

Our installation and anniversary dinner will be held at Milani's Restaurant the evening of May 14. The installing officer will be Aline Haake; Estelle Kerns mistress of ceremonies; and Bess Hunt, installing secretary. These will be my last notes for the paper. Our new recording secretary, Opal Lawrence, will take over now.

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NOT AN ENDORSEMENT

FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

WHEN BABY WALKS the first time he's always surrounded by an admiring group of relatives.

But do mothers teach their children to keep on walking?

Evidently they don't, according to the testimony of Lynn Waldorf, University of California coach, and one of his colleagues from Rice University in Texas.

WALDORF SAYS that the decrease in walking, occasioned by habitual use of motorcars and the decline of hiking, has so weakened the leg muscles of young men that special exercises have to be given them, such as stair climbing, to get them back to normal.

"They jump into a car to go a block," said one of the coaches.

THAT ADMIRING GROUP of relatives better gather round and persuade Baby, aged 19 or 20, to start walking again.

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Roller Skates For Customers of Key?

E. Scala, Carmen 192, told the Central Labor Council, this week:

"We're in the third week of negotiations with Key System, and we haven't moved an inch since the first week."

"So," concluded Scala, "maybe you'd all better get out your roller skates."

Gentry Supply Company Okays Office Union 29

Marilyn Anglin, secretary-treasurer of Office Employees 29, reported to the Central Labor Council Monday that the H. W. Gentry Building Supply Company of Berkeley has notified her local that the company agrees to recognize the union. The office workers at the company had been organized by Harold Stearn, Local 29 business representative and organizer.

Miss Anglin added that the company and Local 29 are now in the process of negotiating a new contract.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Civil Liberties Chief Feels Encouraged—But

P. M. Malin, national director of the American Civil Liberties Union, visiting the Bay Area, said this week that the cause of civil liberties has gained strength in the United States in recent months but is still under serious attack.

Malin especially cited "the way we treat our 'Government employees' as a very serious infringement of civil liberties."

Hit Classics Feature PT&T TV Show May 19

Classics that have been turned into popular hits of the Pacific Telephone's This Is Your Music TV program on Thursday, May 19.

The show, which features Byron Palmer and Joan Weldon, can be seen and heard on Station KPIX, Channel 5 at 7 p.m.

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Student Group Accepts CLC Invite for May 16

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash announced this week that the Panel of Americans, a student group interested in promoting racial and religious harmony, has accepted an invitation to appear at the next CLC meeting on Monday, May 16.

Ash reported that the student group had made a big hit in a recent appearance before the San Francisco Labor Council.



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OUR CONGRATULATIONS
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ON ITS
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Steamfits to Host Durkin in June

By JIM MARTIN

At our last membership meeting, May 5, the reports of William Weber, Bennie Gosney, Earl Gibson, C. D. Gibbon and the writer, who were delegates to the 35th Annual California Pipe Trades Convention held recently in Los Angeles, were well received. The delegates reported that they had the pleasure of talking to and hearing our General President, Martin P. Durkin, address the convention.

After his recent operation, President Durkin is making a steady progress in regaining his health. He intends to visit the Bay Area and our local union in June.

There were 106 delegates in attendance at the convention, representing 32 local unions and 250, 78 and 109 acted as hosts at this convention.

Some of the principal speakers were: Neil Haggerty, secretary of State Federation of Labor, who outlined some of the present legislation now in Sacramento; Otto E. Never, president of the State Building Trades Council, who told of the large highway construction program contemplated in the State of California in the future; and other interesting speakers.

The State of California Apprenticeship Standards were revised and upon approval will be submitted to all Local Joint Apprenticeship Committees. Final arrangements were made by the Apprenticeship Committee to hold the Second State Apprenticeship Contest for 3, 4, and 5-year plumber and pipefitter apprentices. There are now approximately 2500 apprentices in training in this state.

In General President Durkin's address, he stated that the United Association, realizing the need for better qualified journeymen to meet the coming demands of the atomic age, had placed 3 apprenticeship coordinators in the field to promote and foster better apprenticeship training as there are, in various parts of the country, local unions who do not have apprenticeship training. He also stated that the first International Apprenticeship Contest, held at Purdue University, was most successful and the results of the contest revealed the need for better trained instructors and

also the need for more on-the-job training for apprentices. In his remarks as to pending legislation, now before the 84th Congress, President Durkin said that if the present amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act could be passed it would remedy some major injustices of the act, as applied to building trades unions. He continued that there are now 18 states with "right to work" laws. The "right to work" laws enforce the right to scab, as the modern attempt to eliminate labor unions is carried on under the slogan that every person has the "right to work". Using this high sounding phrase anti-labor forces are attempting to destroy collective bargaining by outlawing union security provisions in union contracts. They have succeeded in outlawing the closed shop in the Taft-Hartley Act, and in many states they have outlawed even the union shop.

In his final remarks President Durkin pointed out the need for better legislation. He said that in order to get better legislation we need good congressmen, who are friendly to labor. To get good congressmen we must help pay their campaign expenses, therefore, we ask that you make a voluntary contribution to Labor's League for Political Education.

Labor's League for Political Education was formed by the AFL to help elect friends of labor to public office so that the working people would have fair labor laws, better social security, higher unemployment compensation, full employment at good wages, tax relief for working people. Also the Taft-Hartley Act forbids using one dime of union money to help congressmen or senators, yet it costs thousands of dollars to run a campaign, and friends of labor cannot get contributions from big business lobbies, they only look to us.

Therefore, General President Martin P. Durkin is requesting that every member of the United Association join Labor's League for Political Education by making a voluntary contribution so labor can elect its friends and defeat its enemies. In view of our General President's request, the membership adopted a resolution at our last meeting.

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Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers May Change Insurance

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

June 1 is the time when our members are allowed to change their choice of insurance coverage. Those members now covered by the Kaiser Foundation Health Service Plan who wish to change to the Guaranty Union Life Insurance Indemnity coverage—or those members now covered under the Guaranty Union Life Insurance Indemnity coverage who wish to change to the Kaiser Foundation Health Service Plan, may do so by notifying the union office prior to May 25.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: Some members are still mailing their dues books into the office addressed to the International Jewelry Workers Union or Jewelers Union. This is not correct if you want the mail to reach the Watchmakers Union Local 101. We do get this incorrectly addressed mail, but only after it has been sent to the Jewelers Union who in turn forward it to us. Please—when mailing dues books or any correspondence to us, address your envelope to the Watchmakers Union Local 101, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m., union office.

Back Stage With Stage Hand Employees 107

Sangster Retiring; Had 51 Years Stage Service

By WILLIAM PELKEY

Brother Sangster, a charter member of Local 107, is retiring after some 51 years of uninterrupted service.

We do not have enough room in this column to list all the positions held by Brother Sangster on the various stages of Oakland.

To name a few: The now closed old Orpheum on 12th St. Brother Sangster was Carpenter, as some of the not too young apprentices of that day will vouch. He also spent a number of years at Idora Park.

Brother Sangster, I think I speak for all of us, it is with regret that we hear of your impending retirement. You are joining a very exclusive club with Brothers Pete Mullaney, William Daul, and Leonard Haentjens.

Brother John Craig, business agent of Local 107, is campaigning among the various locals of the Theatrical Federation, singing the praises of the coming party to be held at the Oakland Auditorium. Having attended other arrangements brother

Dressing Room Chatter

Theatrical Union Plans June Party

By JOE CONNELLY

Helena Worobiew resigning at the Campus ... Richard Severs returning to the same house, after having been on the sick list ... The Rivoli theater box-office was the most recent hold-up victim ... Betty Defer, formerly of the Peerless, attempting to get back into the theatrical picture, almost made it at the Broadway until she ran into a uniform problem ... Mannie Schwartz of the outdoor ticket sellers reportedly hit by a bus recently and receiving daily treatment from the doctor ... The big Marclano fight in S. F. anticipating a record crowd at Kezar, causing the S. F. local to call our local for six extra male ticket sellers ... Dale Ferguson leaving the Globe floor ... Ed Coffey, last on the T & D door, back looking for a door spot ... Former member Jack Craig announces that plans are in the final stage for the Theatrical Federation Party to be held on June 1 at the small ball room in the Oakland Auditorium with tickets going at \$2.25 each. A limited number will soon be available at the union business office. No one will pressure you to buy advance orders covering 20% of the tickets have been received before they were printed. This is not a profit making affair, as the County Theatrical Federation has appropriated some funds to cover the anticipated deficit. It is more in the form of a get acquainted affair for the members of the affiliated unions which comprise the Federation, and their guests. More information on this affair will appear in this column as soon as new developments are relayed to us by Brother Craig ... the next union meeting is scheduled for May 19 (Thursday) at 11:30 p.m. ... The final union meeting of the month will be held on the 4th Saturday (28th) at 10 a.m. ... Best wishes for a quick recovery are extended to Brother Al Maass, President of Local B-18 in S. F. Our deepest sympathy to Past President Jack Lubkert and family on the recent death of his father ...

Craig has been interested in, would say this has all the earmarks of being a Craig special, we all hope!

Brother Earl Bannon of the T & D Theater sporting around in a new Olds 88; please, Brother Bannon, no house moving! Brother Harry Simonsen and Mrs. seen in a new Pontiac a hard top no less, very nice Brother S.

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Strokes of the Brush From Local No. 127

Painters Await Referendum Returns

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

All members of the local are notified of the special meeting held on Thursday evening, the 12th, to vote on acceptance or rejection of the proposals for changes in the Bay Area agreement. As of Tuesday we do not know what the result of the vote was, either in our own local union or the other local unions and the employer association's chapters.

The result of the overall referendum will be known and made public on Tuesday evening, May 17, in the office of the Bay Area Joint Committee. If the vote carries by a majority of both parties, then we are all set for the coming year. In the event that either side would referend, then we will have to start working out individual agreements. However, we feel at this time that the overall vote will be taken in favor of the negotiators' proposals. We will try and have the result of the referendum in this column next week.

GROUP VISION PLAN

The local union has adopted the California Group Vision Plan whereby the members and their wives and dependents can secure eye examinations and secure glasses at a greatly reduced rate. As stipulated in the Bay Area Health & Welfare Plan, eye examinations and glasses are not covered and as experience has shown we can secure these services at a moderate cost under a group plan. We have a list of highly qualified optometrists who are approved to render these services and each member will be furnished this list. You may pick out any one of these optometrists, make an appointment for eye examinations, and then contact this office. We will then fill out for you a certificate which will entitle you to secure these services at a modest, regulated cost far below that which you would ordinarily pay.

As this is another service rendered to the members of this local, we advise those of our brothers and their families to contact this office by phone for

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ON THE SICK LINE WITH 1546

By E. H. VERNON

General Business Representative of Auto Machinists 1546

Following is the sick report of Auto Machinists 1546 as reported at the union's regular meeting held on May 3:

ROBERT BRITTAN — 966 Ordway St., Albany. Is at home recovering from heart attack. Works at Richmond Motor Co.
W. L. CHANDLER — 2718 Bartlett St., Oakland. Is in Merritt Hospital with ulcers, has been ill since February. Works at Bigge Drayage Co.
ROY GRAY — 3798 Ramsey Ct., El Sobrante. Has been off work since March 29th suffering from heart attack. Employed at Cirmele Ford Sales.
ALVIN HAAS — 5601 E. 16th St., Oakland. Is at home recovering from heart attack. Works at Grandma Baking Co.
JOE C. LACEY — 1317 Sherwood Dr., Concord. Is at home recovering from back injury. Works at Page Trailer.
GEORGE MEINTS — 7423 Fresno St., Oakland. Is back in Providence Hospital with heart attack. Works at Bob Philippi.

TOM MOORE — 1629 - 137th Ave., San Leandro. Is at home recovering from back injury. Will be in body cast for another couple of weeks. Works at Hagstrom's.

THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS HAVE PASSED AWAY:

R. E. THOMAS — April 18, 1955. Worked at Rudy Blum Pontiac.
R. W. WESTON — May 1, 1955. Worked at Huffman Motors.

Store Clerks 1265 Sign 2 More Stores

Al Kidder, business representative of Department & Specialty Stores 1265, announced this week the signing of 2 new stores to union agreements. The union stores are Bob's Sporting Goods, 3264 East 14th Street, Oakland; and the Family Shoe Store, 1507 Webster Street, Alameda.

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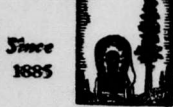
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**IAM Auxiliary Enjoys
Party in Richmond**By OLIVE M. HARVEY
Press Correspondent
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canceled as we were invited to
attend the birthday party of the
Richmond Auxiliary. President
Opal Lawrence and about
twenty of our members accepted
the invite and had a very nice
evening and delicious refresh-
ments.Our first May meeting was
called to order by President
Opal. The attendance was very
good and considerable business
was attended to. Also plans
were made for our birthday
party which will be our next
meeting, on May 19. We are 38
years young on that date.Alice Roberts, a member of
many years, passed on last week.
To her family the sympathy of
the Auxiliary.Our Rosie Rodgers is not feel-
ing so well and has gone out to
Mrs. Long's rest home in Hay-
ward to recuperate. Our best
wishes go with her.Our Tillie Bartness will be-
come president of the Labor
Temple Auxiliary this coming
week. Congratulations from us
all to you, Tillie, and may you
have a very, very good year in
your office.Eve Hare's grandson, Gerry
Mull, was awarded quite an
honor recently. He was given a
four year scholarship at Pomona
State College, and is Eve proud
of him. And with good reason.The sewing club met at Ruth
Downs home last week and
spent a very pleasant day also
enjoyed the yummy luncheon
she served. Chairman Florence
Meade is really very pleased
with the attendance and the
work being accomplished by
the sewing club. The next meet-
ing will be at Sister Evelyn
Gerhold's home.Brother Dick and Sister Lois
Girard are weekending in Reno.
Hope they bring home the bac-
con.The past presidents met at
Nellie Blanford's and had an
enjoyable evening, and did we
really go to town on those deli-
cious refreshments that Nellie
worked so hard on all day to
prepare, which were all gone in
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James Martin and Executive
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Reeves as Executive Board
member from Northern Califor-
nia and Joe Nichols defeated
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each month, in Hall H, third floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street,
Oakland. All members are respectfully requested to attend these meet-
ings.

Also be advised that Death Benefit No. 23 is now due and payable.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary.**Hayward Painters 1178**At 11 a.m. sharp, Saturday, May 14, Local 1178 will be called to
order in a special meeting to listen to the reading of the proposed
changes in the agreement with our employers, and a discussion of the
various features in it. We will then vote to accept or reject it.The next meeting will be at our regular meeting place in the
Carpenters Building at 1541 Mattox Road, Hayward. We are all vitally
concerned in the outcome of this meeting, so make your presence felt
by being present, voicing your point of view and casting a vote one
way or the other.Don't forget the date, Saturday morning at 11, May 14.
The next regular meeting of the Local comes Friday, May 20.
We may know something about the result of the vote taken on the
changes in our agreement by that time.Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary**Berkeley Painters Local 40**We wish to remind the brothers that a special meeting has been
called for Friday, May 13, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of accepting or
rejecting proposed changes in our 1955-56 Bay Area Agreement.The response was very good in regards to the article in the Labor
Journal of April 15 pertaining to a request of the Oakland School
Board to start summer classes in paperhanging. Call your local union
for information.Brothers of Local 40 extend deepest sympathy and condolence to
Brother Christian Mayer, sorrowed by the death of his beloved wife,
Anna Marie, who died April 25, 1955, after many years of suffering.
Also, to Mrs. Evelyn Birkhofer goes our deepest sympathy and con-
dolence, sorrowed by the death of her beloved husband, Herman A.
Birkhofer, who died May 1, 1955.Fraternally yours,
JOHN HEIMANS,
Business Representative**Hayward Culinary Workers
and Bartenders 823**Our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, will be held at
8 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer**San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18**The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers'
Union, No. 18 will be held at Hall "B", Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez
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Stirring National Events In Labor Journal Decades

That pre-1929 Boom Was On As We Started, Unions Declining

For this Anniversary Edition of East Bay Labor Journal we have been looking back over the many volumes of the paper's bound files, and taking a peek at the way things were going at the beginning of each five-year period in our 29-year career.

Sometimes you get a clearer picture of a long period by examining it at intervals in this way than if you try to study each year. In the course of what is called a lustrum, or 5-year period, things begin to change noticeably, some new people show up on the scene, different types of events and crises begin to emerge.

So on other pages of this Anniversary Edition you'll find stories about what was happening locally at the opening of each 5-year period of this paper's history.

But local events in labor are tied up closely with national events. So on this page we're setting down a summary of the great national events of special concern to labor during our nearly three decades, or 6 lustrums.

Labor Organization on Downgrade In '26 When Journal Was Started

But first let's call to mind what things were like for labor in 1926, when East Bay Labor Journal got under way.

Labor organization in 1926 was distinctly on the downgrade. It had declined heavily since, six years before, labor unions had been considered to be at the height of power, with a membership which, due to World War I conditions, had doubled since 1914. War demands had provided a basis for spectacular membership gains in shipbuilding, munitions, car repairs, railroads, textiles, clothing, and many other trades.

In the months following that first Armistice Day of 1918 an unexpected continuance of prosperity allowed the unions even to increase their wartime membership. With added numbers and greater financial strength, labor pushed its new power aggressively.

In fact, six years before the founding of this paper, organized labor felt so confident, so full of hope for the future, that there was much talk of the wondrous new world to come. Some of the things anticipated as just around the corner were: democracy in industry, abolition of unemployment, higher wages, shorter hours, equal pay for women for equal work, abolition of child labor, the right of public employees to organize and bargain collectively, limitation on the power of the courts, Government ownership of public utilities, public development and operation of water power, and aid in enabling workers to own their homes.

Gompers Had Passed Away, Green Headed AFL, Coolidge the Nation

It's hard to realize it, but in those days of high hope a few years before this paper was founded, men in the steel mills were working a 12-hour day, 7 days a week, with a 24-hour shift every two weeks.

But the toughness of the big steel companies' resistance to the steel strike of 1919 had already given a clue to the hard days coming. The Boston police strike, too, threw into prominence the man who was President of the United States when this paper started operations, Calvin Coolidge. This man, a commonplace New England politician, achieved his fame and his later election by Big Business as President through his hostility, as Governor of Massachusetts, to strikers.

A month after Coolidge came into the White House in 1924, two years before our founding date, Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime head of the American Federation of Labor, passed away, and William Green, the new president, was feeling his way toward carrying out the old policies in a world increasingly more stormy.

During our first year of 1926 one of the landmark events in the history of labor legislation occurred: the Railway Labor Act was passed. This required employers to bargain collectively and not to discriminate against their employees for joining a union. The act also provided for the settlement of railway labor disputes through mediation, voluntary arbitration, and fact-finding boards.

Reds 'Union Unity League' Does What It Can to Create Disunity

The next year, 1927, labor took a severe setback when the Journeymen Stone Cutters, who had been trying to prevent the purchase of stone cut by nonunion workers, were held to be in illegal restraint of interstate commerce.

The Communist-inspired Trade Union Unity League made its appearance in 1929, the year of the stock market crash, and many references to its activities are to be found in the files of East Bay Labor Journal. This outfit finally dissolved in 1935, but had plenty of front organizations to take its place, as our labor readers know.

In 1930 the Supreme Court upheld the Railway Labor Act's prohibition of employer interference or coercion in the choice of bargaining representatives. The employers, you may be sure, had been fighting this provision, just as they later fought it when the Wagner Act was passed under the New Deal.

New Deal Gets Under Way With That Historic 7-a Paragraph

In 1931 came another landmark piece of legislation: the Davis-Bacon Act. This provided for the payment of prevailing wage rates to laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on public construction.

The next year, in 1932, came two big labor events. One was the passage of the famous Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act prohibiting Federal injunctions in labor disputes, except as specified in certain instances, and outlawing "yellow dog" contracts.

Another big event in 1932 was the adoption by Wisconsin of the first unemployment insurance act in the United States. It is hard to realize it now, but in those days there was strong prejudice against the idea of unemployment insurance within the AFL. It was then felt that such a move would constitute undue interference with private affairs by the Government.

The next year, in 1933, with Hoover out and Roosevelt



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Paper Told Deeds of Great Presidents: Roosevelt, Truman

In that same big beginning year of the New Deal, 1933, the Wagner-Peyser Act created the U. S. Employment Service in the Department of Labor.

Then in 1935 came the Wagner Act, officially titled the National Labor Relations Act, which established the first national labor policy of protecting the right of workers to organize and to elect their representatives for collective bargaining. In that same year the Federal Social Security Act went into effect on August 14. In November the Committee for Industrial Organization, later the Congress of Industrial Organizations, was formed by several AFL international unions and officials to foster industrial unionism. This year, 1935, it looks as though that breach will be healed, and labor once more united.

Wagner Act Passes, Roosevelt Writes Modern Labor's Charter

In 1936 came the first big sitdown strike of the CIO, when the National Rubber Workers won recognition from Good-year's. Very soon came the Anti-Strikebreaking Act, declaring it unlawful "to transport or aid in transporting strike-breakers in interstate or foreign commerce."

Then the Public Contracts (Walsh-Healey) Act established labor standards on Government contracts, including minimum wages, overtime compensation for hours in excess of 8 a day or 40 a week, child and convict labor provisions, and health and safety requirements.

East Bay Labor Journal obviously had much to report of intense interest to its readers in that big New Deal Year of 1936. The modern charter of the labor movement was being written—and fast!

More Sitdown Strikes. Federal Minimum Wage Law Is Established

The next year, 1937, was another crowded one: three-month sitdown strike at Flint, Mich., with John L. Lewis, throwing everything his miners had into the battle for the CIO, won recognition from General Motors for the United Auto Workers; U. S. Steel recognized the Steel Workers and an 8-hour day was negotiated; the Supreme Court declared the Wagner Act constitutional; 10 killed and 80 wounded in a Memorial Day clash between police and the Steel Workers at the South Chicago plant of the Republic Steel Company; the Railroad Retirement Act was approved; and the 5-week "Little Steel" strike was broken.

In 1938 the Federal Maritime Labor Board was set up; the Fair Labor Standards Act provided minimum wages and

time and a half for hours over 40 a week for workers in certain industries engaged in interstate commerce; and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act was passed.

World War II Begins, No Strike Pledge, Little Steel Wage Deal

Then came World War II, and on December 24 President Roosevelt announced a no-strike pledge by the AFL and CIO for the duration of the war.

But before that the high court held that a sitdown strike was not illegal under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act so long as there was no intent to impose market controls; actions by the Carpenters Union in jurisdictional disputes were held to be protected from prosecution under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act; and the CIO-UAW won recognition at the Ford Motor Co. after a 10-day strike.

In 1942 President Roosevelt established the National War Labor Board to determine procedures for settling disputes; the new board laid down the "Little Steel" formula for wartime wage adjustments, that is, based on a 15 percent rise in living costs from January 1, 1941, to May 1, 1942; the Stabilization Act authorized the President to stabilize wages and salaries, as far as practicable, based on September 15, 1942, levels.

FDR Dies, The Man From Missouri Succeeds; John L.'s Health Fund

The Fair Employment Practices Committee was set up in 1943, with its historic provision against discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin; and the War Labor Disputes Act, passed over the President's veto, authorized plant seizure if needed to avoid interference with the war effort.

In 1945 the CIO affiliated with the newly formed World Federation of Trade Unions, withdrawing from it in 1949. The AFL held in 1945 that the labor organizations of Soviet Russia, included in WFTU, were not "free or democratic," and did not affiliate with the new world group.

But the biggest and most tragic event for labor in 1945 was the death in April of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1946 the Unemployment Act committed the Government to take all practicable measures to promote maximum employment, production, and purchasing power; the CIO-UAW won an 18½-cent hourly wage increase from General Motors; and the Locomotive Engineers and Railroad Trainmen agreed to 18½ cents after a threat of legislation to draft the men, who had been on strike a couple of days; and John L. Lewis at the head of his coal miners won the health and welfare fund from the Government, which had seized the mines, the operators to pay 5 cents per ton of produced coal to the fund.

Taft-Hartley Act Passes; Truman Defeats Both GOP and Dixiecrats

John L. Lewis surged to the headline front again in 1947 when in the case of the United States vs. John L. Lewis the Norris-LaGuardia Act prohibition against the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes was held inapplicable to the Government as an employer.

Present Year's Biggest Event In Future: Merger of AFL, CIO

But the event of 1947 which made the deepest impression on labor and aroused the most intense bitterness was the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act over the veto of President Truman.

In 1948 Mississippi, resolutely determined to march at the end of the procession of progress, became the 48th State to enact workmen's compensation legislation. That year, too, President Truman appointed the Commission on Labor Relations in the Atomic Energy installations, which, the next year, recommended establishment of a panel to protect free collective bargaining.

But the startling event of 1948, in which labor people were tremendously interested, was the reelection of President Truman, in the face of almost universal predictions that he would be defeated. The man from Missouri not only walloped Governor Dewey of New York, the confident Republicans' candidate, but did it in the face of the revolt of Dixiecrats, who ran their own man and tried to split seriously the Democratic Party. Not to mention Henry A. Wallace at the head of that miscellaneous pinko crew called the Independent Progressive Party! But Truman took all of 'em on and licked 'em all.

Early Signs of Ultimate Merger Of AFL and CIO Begin to Appear

Next year, 1949, things began to happen which later were seen as part of the changes which made it possible for the AFL and CIO to move toward the merger expected in this year of 1955.

For it was in 1949 that the CIO anti-Communist drive culminated in the expulsion of two unions at its annual convention, with 9 more kicked out the next year.

Also in 1948 a new worldwide labor organization, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) was formed at a meeting in London, with labor representatives present from 60 countries. Both AFL and CIO went in on this, and it marked the end of the Communist-dominated WFTU's influence in free countries.

In 1950 the AFL launched a year-long series of observances commemorating the centennial of Samuel Gompers' birth on January 27, 1850. Also in 1950 the AFL, CIO, and railroad unions formed a United Labor Policy Committee to present labor's views to the Government on problems arising with the outbreak of the war in Korea. The AFL withdrew from the group the next year, thereby dissolving it.

Machinists Return to AFL, Signs of Federation Merging Increase

The next year, in 1951, the International Association of Machinists, which had disaffiliated in 1945 due to jurisdictional disputes, reaffiliated with the AFL. In that same year all labor representatives withdrew from participation in the Government's mobilization and stabilization program in protest against what they felt was labor's secondary role in its operation; they only returned after being given a stronger voice in policy making.

In 1951, too, AFL and CIO drew closer together, the CIO participating with the AFL as part of the U. S. delegation to the international labor conference of the ILO for the first time since 1946. Also in that year of 1951 the first amendment to the Taft-Hartley Act, permitting negotiations of union shop agreements without previous polls of employees, became law.

Adlai, Labor's Candidate, Beaten By Ike; Durkin Quits in Disgust

The next year, 1952, was an eventful one for labor. Labor's candidate for the Presidency, Adlai Stevenson, was defeated by General Eisenhower.

Presidents William Green of the AFL and Phillip Murray of the CIO died in that same election month of November, being succeeded, respectively, by George Meany and Walter Reuther.

Martin P. Durkin of the AFL Plumbers & Pipe Fitters was named Secretary of Labor by President-elect Eisenhower.

Earlier in the year came the 8-week steel strike, President Truman seizing the industry, and the Supreme Court canceling his action by ruling that the seizure was unconstitutional.

In 1953, to bring the story down close to the present day, Martin P. Durkin resigned in disgust as Secretary of Labor; President Eisenhower ended the controls on prices, wages, and salaries; the Supreme Court upheld standard practices of the International Typographical Union and the Musicians Union, holding that such practices did not violate the "featherbedding" ban in the Taft-Hartley Act.

Two other big labor events marked 1953: the AFL and CIO agreed on a no-raiding pact, both organizations hailing the pact as the first step toward organic unity.

The second big labor event in that year of 1953 was the throwing out of the AFL of the International Longshoremen's Association on charges that it was dominated by racketeers.

Organized Labor Now on Verge Of Big Deeds: We'll Report 'em!

During 1954 and these early months of 1955 both of these 1953 events were still dominant in the minds of labor people, for both were closely connected with the current moves toward merger of AFL and CIO, which has been hailed by both friends and enemies of the labor movement as a development of tremendous importance.

Anyone even skipping through this story of what's been happening nationally will realize that during the 29 years of East Bay Labor Journal's existence it has had plenty to record and comment upon. For every one of these great national labor events had its repercussions in Alameda county, and presented problems local labor had to help solve.

It's easy to predict that next year, when East Bay Labor Journal celebrates its thirtieth anniversary, a lot more things of interest to labor will have happened! And East Bay Labor Journal during the coming year will go right on reporting them and commenting upon them!

EDITORS OF EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL DURING ITS 29 YEARS

E. C. CARTER, Millmen 550—April 3, 1926, until death in July, 1931.

JAMES H. QUINN, Steamfitters 342, succeeded Carter, and remained editor until December, 1942. During some years of his editorship he was president of the Building Trades Council, and a member of the Oakland City Council.

H. E. ALBERS, Painters 127, who had served as business representative of that union, as president of it, and as president of the Building Trades Council, succeeded Quinn, and

remained editor until 1946, when he entered the Civil Service of Alameda County.

JOE W. CHAUDET, Typographical 36, past president of that organization, now general manager of the paper, and for two years recently Acting Postmaster of Oakland, took over the editorship along with other duties for the paper for part of 1946 and part of 1947.

LOUIS BURGESS, Newspaper Reporters and Writers 22279, became editor March 1, 1947, and holds that position at the present time.

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Six Governors of California During Labor Journal Era

During the 29 years of East Bay Labor Journal's existence six men have sat in the Governor's chair.

F. W. RICHARDSON

Friend W. Richardson had been sworn in at the beginning of 1923 and was still in office when this paper started in 1928. He was a newspaper publisher, and remembered by many people in Berkeley as a tough campaigner and what is usually called a "colorful character." That is, he knew how to blast his enemies in vigorous language, and how to make statements that made headlines.

C. C. YOUNG

Richardson was succeeded in 1927 by C. C. Young. Young as Governor was as calm and cool a man as Richardson was heated and colorful. Some people, even among those who had supported him strongly, felt that he brought to the job of Governor the approach of an expert accountant or auditor rather than that of a statesman or a warm-hearted politician. But those of us who remember the political events of those days also remember how many people felt that it was very restful to have a man of Young's type in office after the more exciting and headline-hitting Richardson.

JAMES ROLPH, JR.

Then, in 1931, came James Rolph, Jr. That put us back in the "colorful" spotlight again. Rolph was a showman of the Wild West variety. He had been Mayor of San Francisco for a score of years, 1911-1930, and had made his big hat and high boots famous all over the West and to a considerable extent over the entire nation.

Rolph had a ranch in Santa Clara county where he loved to ride horseback and play he was a cowboy. Both as Mayor and Governor some of his critics were unkind enough to say, about once a day, that he was playing cowboy with city or State affairs.

Rolph died in office in June of 1934, the last year of the four-year term to which he had been elected, and the Lieutenant Governor, Frank F. Merriam, took office, and was elected for the next year four-term which began in January of 1935.

FRANK F. MERRIAM

Merriam died just recently at an advanced age. He had the bad luck to be Governor when the effects of the 1929 stock market crash and the ensuing depression were beginning to rock California politically, just as they had rocked the national election in 1932, when F. D. Roosevelt pried out Herbert Hoover and the long standing Republican regime.

Merriam took office in 1935 after a terrific tussle at the polls with Upton Sinclair, whose EPIC movement pulled together all (Continued on Page 8)



When Pearl Snell, 28, of Dayton, Ohio, appeared on the nationally televised "What's My Line" program she stunned the panel of experts. And why not—for Pearl is the only woman member of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association. Pearl carries a card in Local 131, Dayton, and now makes more than \$6,000 a year contrasted to the \$16 a week she formerly earned working as a salesgirl. Pearl is in a contracting partnership with her father, George Snell.

Green Memorial Awards Announced Lee Hat Co. Is a Union Firm Again

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—First awards from the William Green Memorial Fund, established to perpetuate the memory of the late AFL President, were announced by the AFL Executive Council.

A grant of \$100,000 was made to Ohio State University to finance annual scholarships.

Another grant of \$12,000 was made to Mr. Green's home church, the First Baptist Church of Coshocton, O., for a memorial window and other work.

AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler said a total of more than \$700,000 has been collected for the William Green Memorial Fund and additional contributions from affiliated unions are still coming in. The Executive Council expects to make annual awards until the fund is exhausted.

Barbers Looked For 1-Day's Rest in 1930

Organized barbers in California today, like most other workmen, enjoy 2 full days off every week. But it wasn't always thus.

Take the year 1930 for example. On April 4 of that year East Bay Labor Journal ran a story in which the barbers were urging the voters of Alameda County to assist them at the November election to secure one day each week for rest and recreation.

Lee Hat Co. Is a Union Firm Again

NEW YORK City (AFL News)—The Frank H. Lee Co., manufacturers of Lee and Disney men's hats, can now carry the union label in its products. A 38-year-old breach between the company and the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union was closed with the signing of a union-shop agreement covering the company's 700 production employees.

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The three-year agreement grants increases and paid holidays, annually renewable wage provisions, and settlement of differences by arbitration.

Journal Almost Overlooked FDR in '32 Election

The AFL's historic emphasis in the past on economic rather than political matters was nowhere better exemplified than in the November 11, 1932 edition of East Bay Labor Journal.

For in that 4-page edition there was no mention among the 17 stories on page 1 of the momentous political fact that FDR had swept into his first term as president of the United States. Not until the reader turned to page 3 did he discover, under a 4-column head, that "Democrats Sweep Entire Country; Many Changes Made in Local Offices."

Under this all-inclusive head were several pictures of the winners including FDR himself, his running mate John N. Garner, Senator elect William Gibbs McAdoo, and William F. Knowland, Republican, elected State Assemblyman from the 14th District.

GOP Hit For Stall On Ship Program

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Eisenhower Administration failure to go ahead with an expanded tanker program authorized by Congress was blasted by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) at hearings of a Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce sub-committee which he heads.

Magnuson said that U. S. shipbuilding is in a critical situation because of the blocked U. S. Maritime Administration action. Employment in yards, he said, is down to a minimum.

Thomas Rotell, secretary of the Metal Trades Department, Pacific Coast district, declared that the Administration bottlenecks in the tanker program have been carried into other shipbuilding programs authorized by Congress. The Passenger Ship Cargo Program, originally estimated at \$35,200,000 in wages, has "to the best of my knowledge," said Rotell, "not yet gone to bid."

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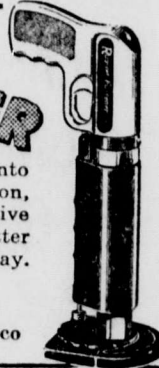
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Journal feels that it also has been able to do in its decades of vigorous life it has helped to make organized labor "an estate of the realm" here in the East Bay.

Not to illustrate that particular point, important as it is, but to give our readers some flavors of our experiences and the experiences of organized labor through the years in Alameda county, we proceed to tell in this story some of the experiences encountered at the opening of each fifth year of our history.

1930

After this paper had been going some five years, in January of 1930 the paper was commenting on the fact that Governor C. C. Young, Republican, was going to run for reelection, and that 3 other Republicans hoped to take his place away from him at the polls.

Bill Fee, then business representative of Milk Drivers 302, was presenting retiring President Jack Cummings on behalf of the membership with a new \$50 bill and a life membership in the organization.

Mother Jones, who had for years been famous as a fiery organizer and defender of labor, and "Trades Union apostle," as the paper called her, was reported dying in the East.

In these days a quarter of a century later, when labor is still talking about the need for organizing the South, it is ironic to note that as Mother Jones was dying, it was reported that "she is much concerned over the organization campaign in the South, expressing regret that she is unable to participate in it."

Painters 127 election of officers had made J. S. (Blackie) Miller, now president of the Building Trades Council, recording secretary of the local; and Hughie Rutledge, now business representative, had been elected a delegate to the District Council of Painters, along with H. E. Albers, later editor of this paper, and now a county employee.

Bar association in the editorial column of a January issue was being congratulated ironically, as it is still being con-

gratulated, "on the 100% closed shop plan of its association." The editorial closed with this remark: "We are glad the Bar Association has such a wonderful organization, but we think it is, at times, that it is just a little inconsistent in denying labor unions the same right."

Chain stores are "establishing economic feudalism," was the position taken by the University of Wisconsin debating team in a discussion with the University of Indiana, reported in this paper. The judges upheld the Wisconsin team.

The winners cited figures to show that 13 percent of the population of the United States owns 90 percent of the wealth; that 95 corporations made 50 percent of the profits in 1929 (the year before the debate was held); that 500,000 independent stores, or one in every three, have gone down before chains; and that in four years, at the present rate, 90 percent of the independents will be out of business.

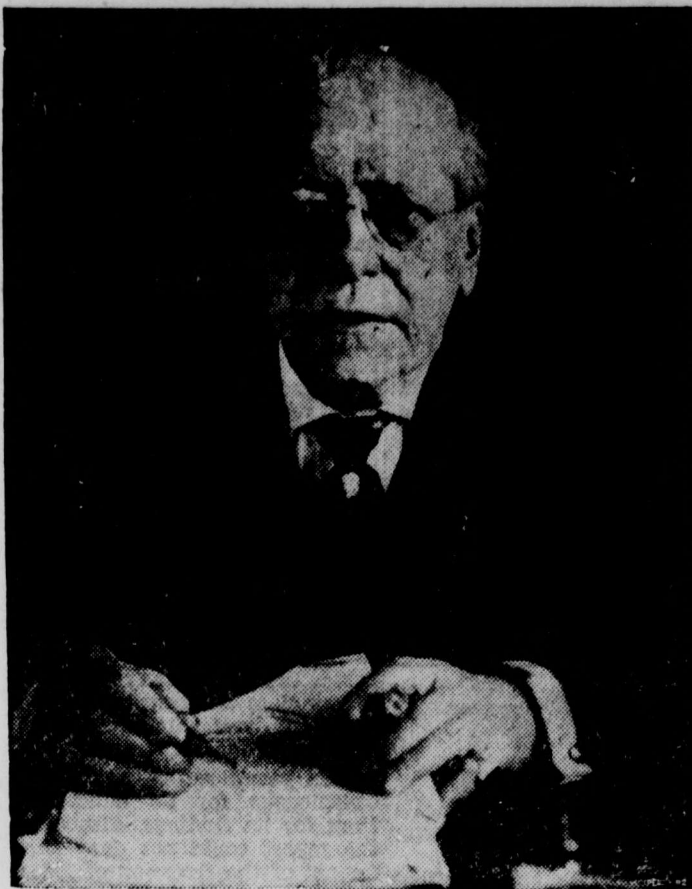
The victorious debaters demanded: "What does it profit a nation to reach the acme of industrial efficiency and to drive its people into idleness?"

British labor government under leadership of Premier Ramsey MacDonald passed the Coal Mines Bill by a narrow margin in Parliament, MacDonald accusing Winston Churchill of indulging in "wit and polished phrases" and offering nothing constructive. The bill enabled coal mine owners to combine and regulate output and fix minimum prices.

"Women Chain Clerks Paid Pauper Wage," said a headline. Boot and Shoe Workers 324 advised the Central Labor Council that a strenuous campaign was being made to get their union shop card more prominently displayed.

Joseph Sheldon, a veteran member of what was then the Cooks, Waiters, and Waitresses Local 31, died early in January. He had been active in union affairs for years, and a short time before his passing had gone into the restaurant business for himself.

Allied Printing Trades had a meeting. Typographical Local 36 was represented by Arthur Brown, Jack Lymangrover, and R. D. Ewing. The Pressmen were represented by Herman



SAMUEL GOMPERS
AFL PRESIDENT 1888-1924

Mansuay; the Bookbinders by William Bushman; and the Stereotypers by J. W. Thurston.

1935

Five years later, as 1935 burst upon the scene, the first issue of East Bay Labor Journal carried a front page editorial which clamored for a 6-hour day without weekly pay reduction as a way out of the depression. And though the 6-hour day is still a dream for 99.9% of labor unions it was in that year (July, 1935) that F. D. R. signed the historic Wagner Act—Labor's Bill of Rights—into law.

It is interesting to note in the same issue of our paper another editorial which commented as follows on the way things were going in the nation's capital:

"The Republican Party has degenerated into a hopelessly reactionary party. The Democratic party displaced it with a progressive platform but if the Democrats, who are now in national control, swing to reaction, too, or even follow merely a middle-of-the road policy no other course will remain open to the liberal and more radical forces of the United States than to launch a new party..."

Alameda County male residents perhaps will appreciate the following item which was published early the same year:

"Under a court order issued in Chicago, barbers can not charge less than 25 cents for a shave or 50 cents for a haircut, the level fixed by the master barbers' association."

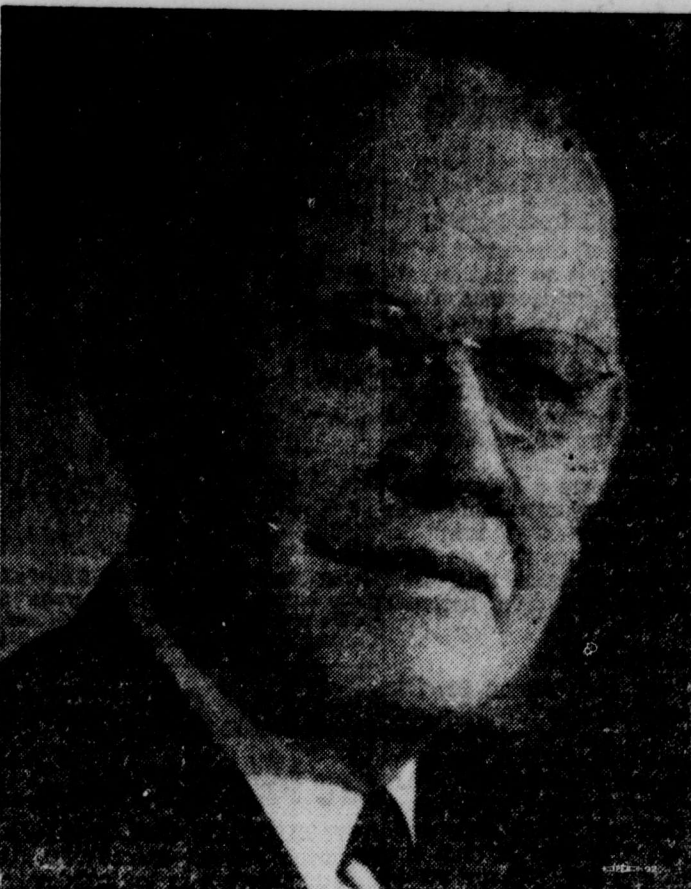
Of special note during that year of hard times was the news story which told of the astounding success of Retail Clerks Local 870 in signing contracts with 6 food and liquor stores at one swoop.

Sam Donohue, business agent of Plumbers 444, we noted at the time, was elected to fill a vacancy on the executive board of the State Building Trades Council. We also commented that Donohue is well-known in the labor movement of the State of California, "having been active in labor circles for the past 20 years."

Many years later Donohue is still an important official in the plumbers' union. He is presently financial secretary, treasurer and business manager of the Local.

1940

As the curtain opened on the year 1940, East Bay Labor Jour-



WILLIAM GREEN
AFL PRESIDENT 1924-1952

nal carried on the holiday spirit by running a 3-column picture showing some 500 members and friends of labor enjoying a post on January 1. William Christmas turkey dinner (with all the trimmings) sponsored by the Labor Temple Association of Alameda County in the AFL building in downtown Oakland.

The dinner was held for the purpose of showing the association's appreciation of the support it had received from unionists and their friends during the year.

Today, when the AFL is arguing for a minimum wage scale of \$1.25 an hour, it is interesting to look back on early 1940 at an article contained in this paper. The story revealed that the Department of Labor's Wage and Hours Division had issued a directive ordering a 40-cent an hour wage rate for employees in the millinery industry engaged in interstate commerce.

Another story on the same subject which appeared at the same time had to do with a release from the California State Division of Industrial Welfare emphasizing the fact that State law provides that the minimum wage for women was \$16 for a 44 or 48 hour week.

It was the year, too, that saw George Meany step into the national spotlight by assuming the

Plumbers Get Approval To Buy AFL Building

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Sale of the present AFL headquarters building at 901 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., for \$350,000 to the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, was approved by the AFL Executive Council.

The Plumbers will use the building as the headquarters of the international union. The AFL's new building, near the White House, will be ready for occupancy in December.

Business Concerns Decline by 3,000

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—The number of business concerns declined by 3,000 in recession year 1954, the first time in more than 10 years that the total business population showed a drop, according to a census bureau report.

The report showed 4,182,000 business concerns in the nation at the beginning of 1955. The 3,000 decline was not explained in the report as to whether they constituted failures, mergers or were closed down for other reasons.

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Six Governors of California During Labor Journal Era

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the forces of discontent with what were felt to be the callousness and indifference of the Republicans in the face of the disaster which had overtaken the people of the State. The result of Merriam's campaign for the full four-year term was that many working people who remember the stirring events of those days have a habit of associating Merriam's name with "Republicanism and ruin" in California just as they do Herbert Hoover's name with that alliterative term on a national basis.

CULBERT OLSON

But although Upton Sinclair had been defeated by Merriam when the next election came, in the fall of 1938, it began to be plain that the revolt against Republican control which Sinclair had spearheaded or spark-plugged, whichever term is the appropriate one, was really under way. And when the votes were counted, Culbert L. Olson, the first Democrat to become Governor of California since 1894, had won the election.

Many labor people will remember the high hopes that were felt when Olson went into office. He was already pretty well known over the State, having been in the State Senate for several years, and being considered the principal spokesman of the New Deal and the Democratic Party in the State.

Olson had the look of a Roman Senator, and his attitude was felt to be distinctly liberal and decidedly pro-labor. One of the dramatic first moves made by Olson was to pardon Tom Mooney, who had been in prison for years as the man who threw the bomb into a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco. There had been tremendous agitation for Mooney's release, and Olson's pardoning of him was an event which had repercussions of publicity all over the world.

Olson was soon in deep trouble, however. Charges thickened that Communists had crept in under the tent of the victorious party, and even Olson's most loyal supporters began to feel that he did not show as an administrator the same skill he had shown in the State Senate as a parliamentary leader.

Illness also fell upon the man, and all sorts of wild rumors about his alleged inability to cope with his tasks of office began to spread; nor did the Republican press fail to help them spread.

EARL WARREN

Anyway, in the campaign of 1941 the State's famous three-term Governor, the present Chief Justice of the United States, Earl Warren, rode into power with the resurgence of the Republican Party in California. Warren had been Attorney General during the years Olson was Governor, so he was already a familiar figure in the State capital. Earlier, he had been District Attorney of Alameda county.

Warren was just what the Republicans needed, a pleasant, kindly man who could get up before the State Legislature at the opening of every session and make liberal remarks. Then the

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Retail Clerks International Association is sponsoring a new TV program known as "Celebrity Parade" featuring interviews with leading public figures by Drew Pearson and Joseph McCaffery. Here is McCaffery (right) interviewing Sen. Mike Mansfield (D, Mont.).

Hutchins Charges Monopoly Papers Are Menace to U. S. Press Freedom

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Monopoly newspapers are an increasing menace to the freedom of the press in America, destroying the concept of competition of ideas envisaged by the Founding Fathers when they framed the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, chairman of the Fund for the Republic and former chancellor of the University of Chicago, leveled this charge at the American Society of Newspaper Editors in a sharp attack on the general deterioration of the Nation's press.

When the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom of the press was framed, said Hutchins, there was no indication that 94 percent of American cities and 18 states would be without competing papers. The debate of ideas, he said, has turned into a soliloquy.

"Talk about the virtues of monopoly," Hutchins told the editors, "is the flimsiest rationalization, as is shown by the poor quality of the papers in many monopoly towns. Monopoly cannot be a good thing. At its best it can be like a benevolent despotism, good while the benevolence lasts, but an accident in any case. Monopoly may in the present state of affairs be a necessary evil, but let us not pretend that it is not an evil."

The First Amendment, said Hutchins, "was not instituted to give a preferred position to people who were making money out of papers as against those who were making money out of other articles of commerce. The amendment was to protect the content of the press, not the cash return from it."

Hutchins declared flatly "we have a one-party press in this country, and we shall have one as long as the press is Big Business, and as long as people with

money continue to feel safer on the Republican side."

He charged that the Nation's press has "watched the erosion of freedom without a twinge," has filled the air "with warnings of the sinister figures on the left but have printed almost nothing about the fat cats on the right."

The press, he concluded, has the role of an educator. "You make the views that people have of public affairs. No competition can shake you from that position. You will lose it only if you neglect or abandon it. As the number of papers per community declines, the responsibility of each one that remains increases. The editorial function is to make sure that it (the news) is given in such a way that it can be understood. The people must see the alternatives before them; otherwise they cannot be enlightened."

Without any remedial action in the near future, millions of U.S. wage earners and their families will apparently have to suffer from the consequences of total unemployment or shortened work schedules.

Low Pay Rate Mars Bay Bridge Start

The long-awaited start of construction of the \$75,000,000 San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge was duly noted in the June 30, 1933 edition of the Labor Journal but the paper's enthusiasm for the event was somewhat marred by the information that the wage scale for carpenters on the job was far below the prevailing rates.

According to the Journal's account, carpenters employed on bunker construction were being paid \$5 per day, or \$2.20 per day lower than the carpenters' scale in this area.

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State Fed Sees Faults in Ike's Economic Report

The State Federation of Labor recently issued the following statement:

Under provisions of the Employment Act of 1946, the Council of Economic Advisers to the President of the United States is obliged to report at least once each year on the state of the nation's economy.

The president is then compelled to forward this report to Congress, which considers it as the administration's recommendation for economic legislative action.

The January 1955 economic report has been submitted to Congress and is now being debated. The president's report deserves close scrutiny, as it reflects top-level thinking of the Eisenhower administration.

This year's report was more conspicuous for its omissions than for its findings. Although the report could not deny the impact of the recession of 1954, it almost completely ignored the serious nature of continuing unemployment.

Not only spokesmen for organized labor, but also other witnesses before the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, currently under the chairmanship of Senator Paul Douglas (R., Ill.), have expressed grave concern that the Eisenhower administration failed to make tangible recommendations on how to return the nation's economy to a "full employment" level.

Without any remedial action in the near future, millions of U.S. wage earners and their families will apparently have to suffer from the consequences of total unemployment or shortened work schedules.

Preliminary Budget For Oakland School Board

A preliminary budget of \$21,154,501 for the school year of 1955-56 has been presented to the Oakland Board of Education by Dr. Spencer D. Benbow, the board's business manager. The board will study the budget at a special session before its regular meeting next Tuesday.

The new budget is \$1,330,529 larger than this year's. The growth of the school population is steadily increasing, with additional outlays needed.

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Knight's Old Pal Werdel Is Heading Anti-Labor Outfit

T. H. Werdel, the former right wing Republican Congressman of Bakersfield, has sent out thousands of letters to Californians on a letterhead carrying the words "California FOR AMERICA" and displaying a picture of the American flag. Werdel does this as the leading California member of the national policy committee of FOR AMERICA, the McCarthy-esque organization with headquarters in Chicago. The national chairman is General Robert E. Wood, long a high official of the Sears Roebuck concern, a man who has been associated with many of the isolationist anti-labor organizations for years.

Werdel, in the days when Goody Knight was trying to undercut Earl Warren and win the leadership of the Republican Party in California, was a strong supporter of Knight. Werdel's letter—one of them was addressed to the editor of East Bay Labor Journal—contains three pages of single-spaced mimeograph.

It is loud in its denunciation of "the plot of the internationalists and One-Worlders for the future of civilization."

The official program of FOR AMERICA as cited by Werdel is: States Rights, global air supremacy for the U. S., anti-Communism, the Bricker Amendment (though its not named, just hinted at), and the urgent suggestion that we "place our trust in the God of our forefathers."

Werdel says that he has pledged himself "to do everything in my power to enlist every good American from either political party."

He says of the organization: "We shall use all available avenues to the composite mind of America—radio, television, newspapers, magazines, farm journals, books, the lecture platform—every medium our funds will buy. We know that hundreds of patriotic organizations and millions of frustrated unorganized and inarticulate Americans want the coordination and leadership which FOR AMERICA is prepared to give."

Every indication is that this is one more reactionary outfit for alert people to keep an eye on.

NAM Chief Comes Here To Boost Anti-Laborism

Henry G. Riter III, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, visiting the Bay Area this week, pushed propaganda for the "right to work" scheme. Riter told the daily press that "the real motive behind the fight against right-to-work is the desire of union officials for monopoly control over all employees."

Riter said the guaranteed annual wage would be "Socialism."

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East Bay Labor Journal Looks Back on 3 Decades, Forward To Power of United Labor!

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representative of the District Council of Painters 16, announced that he was circulating a petition among trade unionists and their friends calling upon the Oakland Board of Education to deny Communists or Communist sympathizers the right to meet in public school buildings.

Brother Miller, a highly respected member of the local labor movement, is presently the president of the Building Trades Council. He is a member of Painters 127.

It should come as no surprise to informed people that organized labor has always been a staunch defender and benefactor of the unfortunates in our society. And 1940 was no different from other years.

The following 2 cases, then, are typical of labor's unselfishness and concern for humanity.

In the January 12 issue of this paper we ran a story in which James H. Quinn, then president of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, and editor of East Bay Labor Journal, was requesting "an all organized labor show in November, 1940" for the benefit of underprivileged children at Christmas time.

In the January 26 edition we reported that Carpenters Local 36 had announced that it will donate an expensive 10 ft. by 10 ft. model play house to a local orphanage. The play house, then on display at the Oakland Housing Exposition, was subsequently given to the West Oakland Home.

1945

Some stories seem never to change. Take for example this editorial which appeared in the first edition of East Bay Labor Journal of 1945. Under the title "Letter Carriers Sabotaged" the editorial said in part:

"... despite the fact that the Senate was prepared to vote an overwhelming yes in favor of granting the first raise in pay since 1925 to this group of loyal, conscientious workers, one senator... by invoking a technicality in regard to rules of order, killed whatever chance this measure had of becoming law at least for this session of Congress..."

For editorials in a similar vein or Journal in 1954. The chief

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differences between these and the 1945 editorial was that the postal pay raise was that the postal pay raise was passed by Congress but the President (Dwight D. Eisenhower), not a senator, was responsible for killing the bill for that session of Congress.

Of local interest in the initial issue of your Labor Journal a decade ago were the items announcing the fact that 1) Charles W. Real, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters 70 at that time, had been returned to office for a 3-year term. He had already been an officer of Teamsters 70 for 19 years. 2) Hughie Rutledge, business representative of Painters 127 then (he still is), and vice-chairman of the Oakland Housing Authority was appointed a member of the advisory board of the southwest regional conference of the National Association of Housing Officials.

Young old-timers in the local labor movement will perhaps recall the first couple of months in 1945 when this paper carried huge spreads announcing our support for labor endorsed Barbara Marcollo of Office Employees Local 29 for "Queen of the Purple Heart" in a contest sponsored by a local daily newspaper. Union members were urged to vote for Miss Marcollo by donating a pint of blood for the armed forces.

Even in those days East Bay Labor Journal was not averse to carrying news stories about some of the shenanigans used by landlords against workers in search of a place to live. On January 26, 1945 we displayed on our front page the following little item:

"The latest nationwide practice of greedy landlords—that of compelling tenants to purchase furniture at several times its value—came under the ban of the Office of Price Administration."

1950

As 1950 burst upon the scene East Bay Labor Journal was embroiled in one of the most momentous and long-lasting strikes ever to hit the Bay Area—that of the Safeway strike. Readers will recall that historic struggle between Retail Food (Continued on Page 11)

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Following is reprinted from the CIO News:

Dealing with the Communist-dominated United Electrical Workers is "extremely beneficial" to employers, in the words of management.

That was what a Sonotone Corp. officer said in a memorandum to all production supervisors at the firm's plants at Elmsford and White Plains, N. Y.

"My own position and that of the company is that we cannot agree with, nor do we sponsor the UE union for ideological reasons," Sonotone's Vice Pres. J. J. Christophel wrote.

"Nevertheless, we must not be unmindful of the economic interests of the Sonotone Corporation which must supersede our personal likes and dislikes. I believe that in the present weakened position of the UE, it is advantageous for the company to continue to deal with them until such time as the Government takes the action now contemplated."

"In our conferences with them recently, we feel we again have a way to lay off and discharge employees with a minimum of risk."

"We have reached certain understandings as to the negotiations in the event the UE wins this election and the UE has promised to get behind the incentive system immediately after the election so that we get 130% production. You can understand that such an arrangement is extremely beneficial to Sonotone Corp."

"In view of the foregoing, we urge our supervisors not to discourage any employee from voting for the UE in the election next Tuesday."

A reproduction of the memo appeared in a recent issue of The IUE-CIO News, the paper of the CIO Electrical Workers.

WILLIAM C. THOMAS, a member of Boilermakers 39, passed away in Oakland on April 29 at age 64 leaving sons, Robert and Sydney; daughters, Eleanor Myers and Alice Fredenburg; sisters, Teresa Tazzioli and Margie Schalkie; and a brother, Harry Gomby.

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Six Governors of California During Labor Journal Era

(Continued from Page 8)
Legislature, without too much opposition from the Governor, went its reactionary way. At least, that is the way many liberals and labor people interpreted Warren's winning ways.

However, it was generally felt, even by those strongly opposed to Warren politically, that there was nothing vicious or malevolent in Warren. His personal disposition was always felt to be kindly and just, and if he went along politically with the big money boys, well that just seemed to be part of the general comfortableness of his character.

So when Warren while still Governor ran for the Vice Presidency as the ticket mate of Governor Dewey of New York, everybody enjoyed seeing the pictures of Warren and his goodlooking family which appeared in all the papers. Later, Eisenhower, the man who practices the Warren formula of smiling, saying nice things, and letting the hidden pumping crew behind the scenes get enough air into the old pipe organ to keep the Republican tune, appointed Warren to the Chief Justiceship.

The feeling was that with Warren elevated to the peerage, as it were, and with identification of candidates as "Dem." or "Rep." on the ballots for the first time in many years, it would be possible for the Democrat to stage a comeback and win the Governorship for the first time since Olson's victory in November of 1937.

GOODWIN J. KNIGHT
Goodwin J. Knight, who as Lieutenant Governor had taken over Warren's place as Governor in 1953 when Warren went to the Supreme Court, was known all over the State as a reactionary who was a bitter enemy of even the mild shade of liberalism which Warren represented. So it was generally assumed that labor and all liberals throughout the State would unite behind the Democratic candidate, Richard P. Graves, in the 1954 campaign for the full four-year term for the Governorship.

No use going in any detail into the history of that. Actually Graves made a good run, and so did the Democrats in general. But things happened which seemed extraordinary to the labor movement in Alameda county, people supported Knight it was assumed would never dream of doing such a thing, and so Knight is now Governor.

The reason we have sketched the history of the Governorship during the 29 years of East Bay Labor Journal's existence is because Governors, after all, are outstanding figures in the history of any State. Some of them may be puppets, but they typify forces at work in the seething life of their commonwealth. Moreover, like the reigns of kings, they help to fix dates and occurrences in the minds of all of us.

John F. Quinn, Candidate for City Post Tuesday, Is One of Able Men Who Have Headed Labor Council

John F. Quinn, who is running with the AFL Voters League endorsement for a place on the Oakland City Council in the Oakland runoff election Tuesday, May 17—this coming Tuesday—is one of the able men who have served with distinction as president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

Quinn has been president of the Central Labor Council since early in 1952, and was elected in February of this year to a 3-year term in office.

One of Quinn's predecessors as CLC president, George A. Janssen, was elected to the Board of Supervisors, where he served with distinction for many years.

Following is the list of the predecessors of John F. Quinn as presidents of the Central Labor Council:

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Oakland Was Once Morris to Rescue A Convention Town Of Band Concerts

The City of Oakland in earlier days must have had a much better reputation than it has now for major organizations seeking adequate convention sites. Today, because of a decided lack of hotel accommodations, Oakland is universally shunned as a place to hold any major convention.

Twenty-five years ago, however, Oakland must have really been a big community. For we note in the March 21, 1930 edition of East Bay Labor Journal a big news story announcing the fact that the State Building Trades Council of California had chosen Oakland for the site of its 1931 convention.

Auto Mechanics Didn't Give Up

Even in those dark days for organized labor, early in 1930, Auto Mechanics 1548 was showing the way to organize non-union firms in this area.

A story appearing in the March 14 issue of this paper reported that Charles Davis, then business representative of Local 1548, had announced that his union had been successful in reaching agreements with several local firms which provided for the use of union labor exclusively in these shops. He also reported that he had been successful in winning over several former members to re-affiliate with his local.

UNIFORM SALES TAX bill, permitting counties to levy a one percent tax and contract with State Board of Equalization to collect and administer such tax, has been approved by Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

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Aside from a few special and notable exceptions, the Oakland City Council during its lengthy history hasn't especially been noted for its humanitarian concern for the workingman. And apparently some of the members on the council early in 1933 were no exceptions judging by the man who wrote the following paragraph on the front page of the Labor Journal on April 7, 1933:

"Cutting the salaries of the workingman to the bone seems to be the hobby of some of the present councilmen, but imagine, folks, asking a doctor or an attorney to work cheap and your answer would be, it is unethical to do so. In other words, when cutting wages always start at the bottom instead of the top. Some of the present councilmen have stated on the floor of the council chambers that \$1.50 per day is enough for any workingman under the present conditions."

Knowland A Guest Of CLC in 1932

The local labor movement was accorded the singular honor back in the depths of the depression of being treated to a talk by Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune.

Announcement of Knowland's talk was contained in an attention-arresting notice which appeared on the front page of East Bay Labor Journal on February 5, 1932 and proclaimed the fact that Mr. Knowland would speak to the delegates of the Central Labor Council regarding the 1932 Community Chest Campaign.

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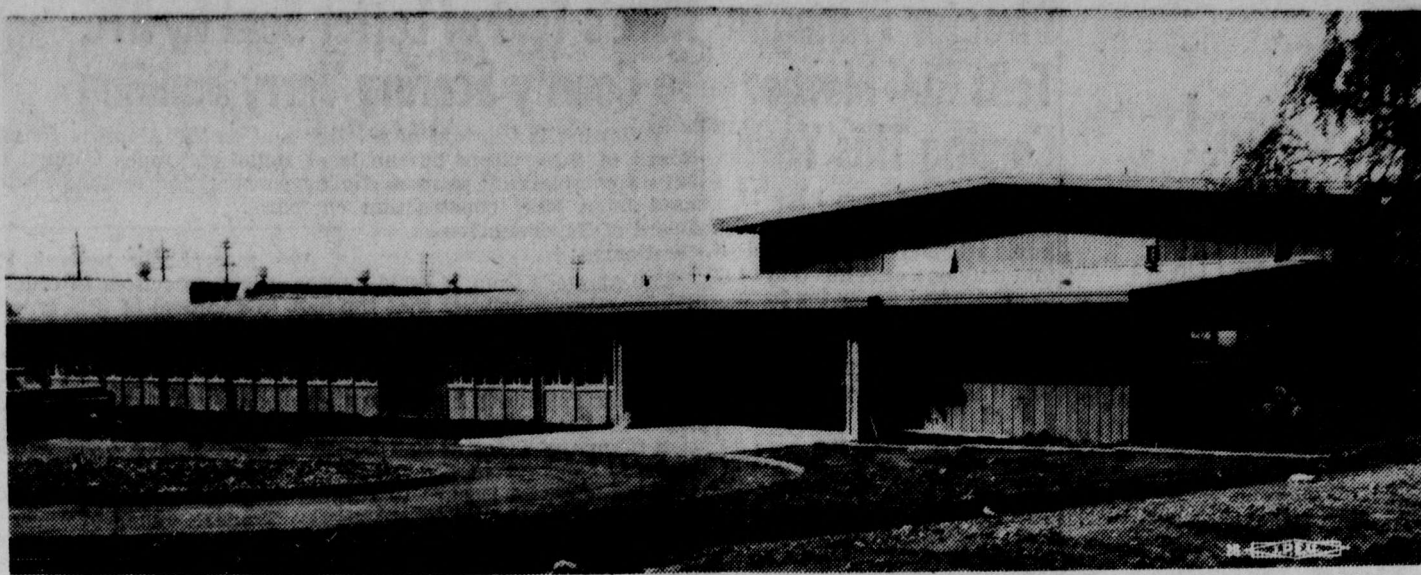
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NEW AFL LABOR TEMPLE HIGHLIGHT OF YEAR—Members of organized labor in this county received concrete evidence of unionism's economic well-being early this year when Hayward Carpenters 1622 held open house at their brand-new \$150,000 AFL Labor Temple in Hayward shown above. The gala affair, which attracted a throng of some 2,000 well-wishers, was commemorated in a special edition of East Bay Labor Journal published on March 11. The attractive 1-story frame structure serves as headquarters for Local 1622, Hayward Painters 1178 and the Hayward branches of Laborers 304 and Butchers 120. It is located at the intersection of Mattox Road and East 14th Street. During a special dedication ceremony held at the new Temple on March 12 many officials representing city, county, state, labor and fraternal organizations came to see and admire the modernistic and airy structure. All of their dedicatory speeches were filled with admiring references to the building's beauty and to the remarkable and efficient progress being made by the Hayward Carpenters. To these sentiments, all of organized labor in Alameda County vote a resounding "Amen!"

East Bay Labor Journal Looks Back on 3 Decades, Forward To Power of United Labor!

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Clerks 870 and the giant grocery chain which lasted from September 1949 to July 1950. We like to believe that this paper had some effect in helping win major issues involved in that bitter strike for the union.

Readers of the Labor Journal at that time will also remember that interesting "Nothing Personal" page 1 feature column written by our present General Manager Joe W. Chaudet. Those were the days when Joe had a few moments free to do some writing.

It was early in the same year, too, when we reported that the Federal Housing Authority in Washington had agreed to provide up to 90 percent of the \$20,000,000 low rent housing project applied for by the Oakland Housing Authority with the approval of the City Council. It was heartening news to labor people at that time, but it all went for naught because the anti-housing element in the city was able to stymie the entire program of low rent housing for Oakland.

An item we carried in the same issue with the above housing story indicated the first step in the anti-housing group's successful effort to knock out low rent housing here. That item reported the official authorization of a recall election asked by the anti-housingites against the then city-councilmen Joseph E. Smith, Raymond Pease and Scott Weakley because they voted for low rent housing for Oakland, then, labor felt, very much needed.

Early in the year we must have caused many a heart to flutter among our stamp-col-

lecting readers when we ran an announcement of the fact that a Samuel Gompers Commemorative stamp, marking the 100th birthday anniversary of the founder and 1st president of the AFL, would go on sale at all U. S. Post Offices on January 27. The new issue was a purple colored 3-cents stamp.

Over the years, East Bay Labor Journal has been on the receiving end of many a verbal brickbat and bouquet, but no letter was appreciated more than the lengthy one sent to us by President Ed M. Ross of the Oakland Federation of Teachers.

Part of Ross' letter which appeared in our January 6 edition of that year follows:

"This is not to say that we agree with everything that The Journal prints. We reserve our rights to our own opinion and point of view on all matters. However, The Journal is profoundly right on fundamental issues and as this year of 1949 ends we want to compliment our paper on its frank and courageous editorial policy and its fair presentation of news—some of it even unfriendly to organized labor but important if our people are to understand fully the forces allied against us . . ."

1955

As this present year of 1955 opened, one of our first headlines was: Brain Wash for Jobless Revived? Questions being asked of applicants for unemployment insurance were resented, it was explained.

Another headline was: Knight Plans Taxes on Cigarettes, Beer,

Possibly Liquor, Horse Races. That wrangle is still going strong, of course.

Very soon a front page headline appeared: Firing of 'Brain Wash' Burkett by Knight Demanded; Governor Scornful of Labor Protest Against Slander.

And in our January 21 issue the announcement was made that the type in which the paper was printed was larger and clearer, and that "from now on it is our intention to use this handsomer and clearer type throughout the paper."

In the same issue East Bay Labor Journal carried a new nameplate at the top of the first page, the one still in use, of course, which we have felt is much more in keeping with modern typographical style than the old one.

But after all, the big development that has been reported from time to time in the paper during these opening months of 1955 is the impending merger of AFL and CIO. For example, in the May 6 issue—and that's getting close to now!—we printed the announcement that

Western AFL Organizer Dan Flanagan would be the guest speaker at the Central Labor Council meeting May 9, and that

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash announced that "Flanagan will speak on the subject of the forthcoming AFL-CIO merger."

That was NEWS! And just a few years ago no one would have dreamed that such an announcement would have been made quietly, as a matter of routine.

But there had to be a lot of excitement before we got down to that routine!

So now, as stated in the headline for this review of the events of many years: East Bay Labor Journal Looks Back on 3 Decades, Forward to Power of United Labor!

'BLACK JACK' JEROME (John J.), notorious as a strikebreaker, and later the operator of a dog track at El Cerrito, left an estate valued at \$1,089,422, mostly made in real estate speculation. He died in 1953 in getting close to now!—we printed the announcement that



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TRIB TRICKERY

The following letter refers to discussion in the April 29 East Bay Labor Journal of the contemptible trickery of the Oakland Tribune in trying to smear labor-backed candidates for the Oakland City Council with that old red paintbrush the Trib editor carries as a not very well concealed weapon:

Editor, Labor Journal:

I have read your Report to Readers-Owners, also your editorial.

I agree.

Whether you agree with people's beliefs or politics or not, I think that most people feel that hitting below the belt is neither good practice nor good sportsmanship.

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The death of Albert Einstein has brought many ideas and comments to the front. He led an amazing life and will certainly go down in history as a foremost pioneer of the Atomic Age if not actually its father. But in our less learned political world, the most amazing revelation is that in this year of 1955 our immigration laws would not permit the entry of this great man into the United States. Labor can indeed be proud of its opposition to the McCarran Immigration Act which contains so many inequities.—Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno)

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'WE AREN'T FOOLS'

There is talk that labor is going to join forces with the Democratic party. Well, I'm not going to tie the AFL to any party, any time, anywhere. That doesn't mean, of course, that we won't support more Democrats than Republicans because that probably will be just the way it works out. The facts are that more Democrats have favorable records from our point of view than Republicans. We aren't fools. — AFL President George Meany.

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EDITORIALS

Vote Tuesday for Quinn!

Vote Tuesday for Quinn!
That's the reminder printed on page one of this issue, and that's the reminder we here and now reiterate.

Our readers know the issue. It's simply this: Do we want on our Oakland City Council a man who has long been president of our Central Labor Council, who knows and will voice labor's point of view on important matters, or are we indifferent to this opportunity?

Interests which have always attacked labor are making strenuous efforts to reelect the incumbent. If labor people fail to turn out and vote Tuesday, those anti-labor interests will have their way.

So: Vote Tuesday for Quinn!

GOP Losing Grip on State Senate

The election of labor-backed Fred Farr to the State Senate from Monterey county last week was one more sign that the Democratic Party is staging a real comeback in this State. Earl C. Behrens, political editor of the Chronicle, writing in that paper on the editorial page the day before the election, said:

"It will only require the defection of a few Republicans, if the Democrats defeat Silliman and elect Farr, to kick over the political apple cart in the Senate. Governor Goodwin J. Knight has taken cognizance of the significance of the election as far as his Administration is concerned and has endorsed Silliman."

The Silliman whom Knight endorsed, and who was defeated by Farr, is of course the former Speaker of the Assembly, James W. Silliman. The fact that Farr, comparatively unknown, in a county that hadn't sent a Democrat to the State Senate for forty years, licked as well known a Republican candidate as Silliman, is something Governor Knight and the Big Business interests backing him, are naturally considering with sorrow.

In this connection it is worth noting that on May 17 the bill of State Senator Desmond of Sacramento, listed as a Democrat, to make State legislative offices nonpartisan, is scheduled for a hearing before the Assembly Elections Committee. This measure, obviously intended to kill the rising power of the Democratic Party in California, has already passed the Senate in Sacramento. It is easy to imagine the glee of the dwindling Republican majority in the State Senate if this bill became law.

Assuming party responsibility is much more onerous than being a freeloader and bargaining individually with the lobbyists for the big interests. And if Senator Desmond's bill became law, the Republican Party could go on serving those big interests and calling its control of the State a triumph of "non-partisanship."

Some idea of the high plane on which Senator Desmond is fighting to put through his measure to wreck the Democratic Party in the Legislature is afforded by the Senator's remark, as quoted by the daily press:

"The real issue here is whether or not this country is going to continue to be controlled by Americans."

By this statement Senator Desmond is understood to be implying that some members of the Democratic Council in Sacramento who voted to censure him for his effort to destroy the two-party system are somewhat to the left. Suppose they are, and even suppose the Communists should come out in opposition to his bill officially, is that any reason why any sane American should favor giving up the two-party system, the system of party responsibility?

Farr's victory in Monterey county worries the Republicans and the Desmond Democrats, but it greatly pleases the liberal Democrats and labor people.

WILLIAM BURKETT, State Employment director, who ought to be fired for his attacks on unemployment insurance, was given a big lift this week when a notoriously leftist outfit asked for his discharge.

Director Flanagan Tells CLC Merger Coming This Year

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AFL internationals and 31 CIO internationals have signed it, and only one case has had to go to arbitration under the pact.

1955—In February of this year the present plan for merger was agreed upon by a joint committee; then the executive councils of both big organizations approved it, and a few days ago the constitution for the merger was completed, all except the name of the reunited group; the last separate conventions will be held in different halls at the same time in December of this year in New York City, then a united convention will be held.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Thereafter, said Flanagan, a convention will be held every two years, but annually there will be a meeting of a General Board, made up of the merged organization's president and secretary-treasurer, 17 AFL vice-presidents, 10 CIO vice-presidents, and the executive officer of every international union. This meeting of the General Board will amount to a convention in itself.

In addition to the Executive Council consisting of the top federation officials and the vice-presidents, there will be an Executive Committee made up of 3 AFL and 3 CIO vice-presidents.

AFL President Meany and Secretary-Treasurer Schnitzler will hold those offices for the new federation for two years and a CIO man will be Director of Organization; then at the convention executive officers and vice-presidents will be chosen regardless of their former AFL or CIO connections.

MERGER OF CLC

Flanagan said in answer to a question from the floor that Central Labor Councils of the AFL and CIO will be given two years in which to achieve merger, and State Federations and State CIO Councils the same time.

"Two years seems a reasonable time to allow," said Flanagan, "since most of this job at the top has been done in about that time. And who among you oldtimers around here could have believed a couple of years ago that so much could have been done in so short a time?"

Here's Text of Letter Sent by BTC To County Scoring 'Jerry Building'

Following is the text of a letter sent to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors by the local Building Trades Council on May 3 complaining against shoddy construction methods being used by a local construction company.

Gentlemen:

We respectfully request the Board of Supervisors to order a halt to approval of this type of construction until the County Building Code can be amended to properly protect the thousands of veterans and other medium income home buyers from such flimsy construction. Sincerely, Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County J. L. Childers Business Representative

Berkeley City Manager Outlines Attitude On Transit Labor Clause

Berkeley City Manager John D. Phillips was reported by the Chronicle in its issue of May 3 to have stated that the District Transit bill is "objectionable because its provisions would compel collective bargaining between public agencies and labor unions."

Phillips was asked by telephone to give a fuller statement for East Bay Labor Journal. He very courteously outlined his attitude.

The Berkeley City Manager pointed out that under existing laws of the State so far as public jurisdictions are concerned there are no requirements for collective bargaining, compulsory arbitration or similar matters.

Yet now, argued Phillips, there is a bill before the Legislature setting up one small area of the State as a transit district, and into this bill there seem to be creeping all sorts of issues irrelevant to the main subject. The provisions concerning labor are only part of these irrelevancies, he felt.

If new labor law is to be written, Phillips contended, it should be fully and publicly discussed, not hastily written into a law dealing with an entirely different major subject.

FRANK M. WHALEY, a member of Boilermakers 39, passed away in Alameda on May 2 leaving his widow, Henrietta.

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Culinary Alliance Will Have Fine New Building

Culinary Alliance 31 has moved to the Pacific building, 610 16th street, Rooms 323-30. President Edrie Wright announced at the Central Labor Council meeting.

The building at 548 20th street, from which the union has moved, belongs to it, and is to be replaced by a more modern structure. When it is completed, the union will return to that site.

The telephone number remains the same: TW. 3-3181.

Bea Slettum, Local 31 secretary-treasurer, advises that the Local also bought the building directly behind their old headquarters building on 20th Street for the purpose of tearing it down to make room for a large parking lot for the officers, members and employees. Demolition of both buildings will get under way within the next few days, she added.

Retail Clerks 870 Honor Jones, Calin

The office staff and business representatives of Retail Clerks 870 threw a dual surprise party recently in honor of the wedding anniversaries of President and Mrs. Charles Jones and Business Representative and Mrs. Vincent Calin.

It was the 25th anniversary for the Jones' and 41st anniversary for the Calin's.

The festive occasion was held at the home of Harris C. Wilkin, Local 870 secretary-treasurer, in Alameda on the night of April 26.

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS, which had hired some Berkeley city employees to work part time as guards, has agreed to replace them with members of Building Service Employees 18, which has the contract for giving such services, and which had been moving toward picking the track.

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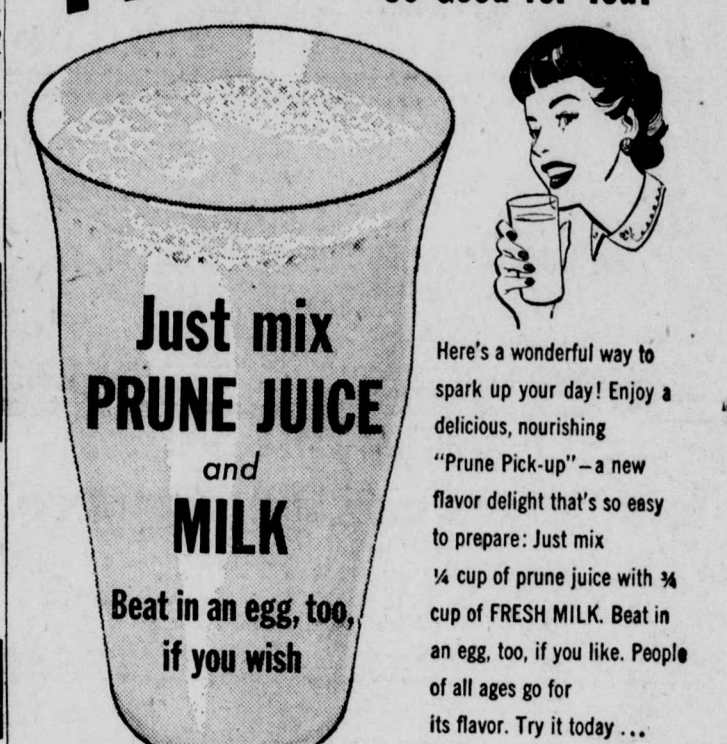
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